

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [00045] on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

[00045] Referring to FIG. 3, compared with the organic EL device of FIG. 2, the organic EL device according to another embodiment of the present invention is characterized in that a protection layer 232 covers the components 214 to 230, and an absorbent 220 [[20]] is directly fixed to an upper surface of the protection layer 232.